

Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe; you will have heard so many differing reports about when lockdown will end, what will happen from next week and when schools will be open again. I don't know any more than any of you, but we have been working very hard to make sure that when we are told what to do we will be ready to welcome you back to school with open arms (but probably a few of you at a time whilst observing social distancing). Thank you so much for the kind deliveries of biscuits and chocolate! We also had a wonderful donation of plants for our garden which are already being looked after by a bunch of little gardeners! Thank you very much to Ethan's mummy. And I wanted to share with you the brilliant poster that was dropped safely into school, all about Mahatma Ghandi. Well done Aryav. If you do not have paper or crayons at home, please get in touch as we will be happy to share.



What has been happening at school?

This week we have read Oliver's Vegetables by Vivien French: it is a lovely book all about trying new vegetables to eat! Watch out though, because the mum is a bit grumpy!



So we have eaten all the vegetables from the story: On Monday we had carrots, including carrot soup, on Tuesday we had spinach and rhubarb (yoghurt), Wednesday was cabbage (coleslaw) and beetroot and today we had peas, pea soup

and CHIPS! We have written stories and poems, printed with vegetables and we have even done tie-die with beetroot!



The carrots went down very well; the same cannot be said for everything!



Key Worker School

We have been learning all about vegetables and we have planted lots of seeds as well as potatoes. That might be something you would like to try at home. Just as last week, we have done lots of practical and fun activities that the children have all enjoyed, as well as sneaking in some maths, some phonics, some reading and some writing!





If you are a key or critical worker, please remember that we do have the capacity to care for more children of key or critical workers so please contact our administration team on: <u>admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk</u>

Home Schooling

I hope home learning is going as well as it can for you all; I have seen so many lovely pieces of work and I will respond to everyone who contacts me. You can also contact your child's teacher via myself on <u>head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk</u> or Mrs Janes on <u>admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk</u> and we will be able to pass the messages on.

A message for all our children about Colonel Toby Walter

Last week I introduced you to Colonel Toby Walter; he is a good friend of Colonel Tom although he is not quite as old. Many of Colonel Walter's friends have been terribly busy helping lots of people during this very strange time and Colonel Walter wondered if he could help you?



If you would like Colonel Walter to see what you have been up to, perhaps you could show him some of your home school work, or a picture or model, or perhaps you would like to ask him a question or tell him something that is bothering you; you can email him on this address: <u>head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk</u> He says he will always reply and that he cannot wait to hear from you. If you send a photograph of what you have been doing; we will be able to post it on our website in the home learning gallery to share with your friends. You could even send a message to your friends and Colonel Walter will make sure they get to see it. He is really looking forward to hearing from you.

Colonel Toby sent out his first medal today!



Dolls Clothes and bedding

Mrs Girling has made some wonderful new dolls clothes and bedding for our poor naked babies! They are the smartest babies in town now! If you are a talented sewer or knitter and would like to make dolls clothes for our dolls we would love them. Sheets, table cloths, blankets and tea towels for our home corner would also be extremely welcome. We would love some new aprons and chef hats as well as super hero capes and tabards for dressing up. Thank you Mrs Girling.



Mrs Girling also made the staff some facemasks just in case we are required to wear them when we open. Mrs Bergljung also made us some so we are well prepared. Thank you.



Well-being

Good mental health and well-being is as important as good physical health; if you are struggling to maintain good mental health; please visit our Well-being page on the Home Learning tab on the website. We have Mental Health First Aiders at school; if you need help in finding support, please do not hesitate to contact us on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Ms Rees has also posted this link on the website for our families: <u>https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/tips-for-parents-in-a-difficult-living-situation-during-lockdown/</u>

Tesco Blue Tokens

I am delighted to say that Tesco Customers can use blue tokens to vote for our School Garden Project; we are hoping to develop our garden even more so that it is a haven for wild life and a fantastic stimulus for writing, science, maths and art. You can start voting from 1st April; please tell all your friends and family. The winning project will receive £2000.



And finally....

Mrs Prickett will be back in school on Monday; please email or telephone me as I will be working from home and missing everyone, if you have any questions, worries or concerns. Your children and their well-being, as well as the well-being of all our families, is our paramount concern: Please contact me on

head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk anytime, day or night and I will reply as soon as I can.

Judy Wheeler Headteacher